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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A roof protection device for an armored combat or security vehicle, comprising:

a support; and

at least one protection means for protecting said a vehicle;  
and

a reception structure for receiving said at least one the protection means, said structure being rotatably mounted in a horizontal direction on said support, said support ~~for~~ being integral with a said vehicle roof and ~~for~~ being able to be switched from an active protection position to a passive position.

2. (Previously Presented) A roof protection device for a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the reception structure is articulated with respect to said support.

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3. (Previously Presented) A roof protection device for a vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein the support has a height such that the reception structure is for unencumbered movement.

4. (Previously Presented) A roof protection device for a vehicle according to Claim 3, further comprising motor means for rotation, wherein the reception structure is for rotation with respect to said support.

5. (Currently Amended) A roof protection device for a vehicle according to Claim 4, further comprising an energy storage device selected from the group consisting of a spring, a counter-weight, pressurized gas, a battery, and a capacitance ~~or an equivalent system~~ for storing part of the energy required for the reception structure to be moved from a said passive protection position to an said active position.

6. (Currently Amended) A roof protection device for a vehicle according to Claim 5, wherein said reception structure is for being moved by only the energy stored in the energy storage

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device from an said active protection position to a said passive position.

7. (Previously Presented) A roof protection device for a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the protection means are ballistic protection means and comprise at least one armour plate.

8. (Previously Presented) A roof protection device according to Claim 7, wherein the armour plate comprises armored elements fastened to the reception structure.

9. (Currently Amended) A roof protection device for a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein the protection means comprise elements that reduce the electromagnetic signature of a said vehicle.

10. (Currently Amended) A roof protection device for a vehicle according to Claim 1, wherein said support comprises an end distal from the a rotatable mount, said end having a means for removable attachment.

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11. (Currently Amended) A roof protection device for a vehicle, comprising a reception structure for being switched from an active protection position to a passive position for protecting openings of a said vehicle, selected from the group consisting of access hatches, ~~GMP~~ hoods, and maintenance hatches, said reception structure placed in a horizontal direction and capable of moving from the passive position to the active protective position over said openings.